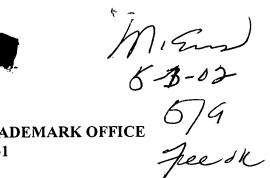
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO INVOKE INTERFERENCE

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The claims set forth herein are copied substantially verbatim from issued patent number 6131362. The only difference is that the term "planar" has been replaced with "substantially flat" to allow for flanges in the cutouts of the web between the channels. Applicant is concurrently filing papers thought to be sufficient to invoke an interference with issued patent 6131362. Please enter the following as a preliminary amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-28, and add the following claims numbered 29-56:

29. (Added) A building beam structure comprising:two sheet metal chords, each of the chords having a flat end wall,

